

## NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

May 19, 2016

### MINUTES

**Present:** Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller, Monica Graham, Susanne Hughes, Phyllis Fanger, Penny Grossman, Eilene Kleiman, Ed Cosgrove, Lianne Relich

**Not Present:** Tom Keating, Dan Goldberg

**Staff:** Jamie Brenner Gutner

**Convene:** 5:00pm - The Center at the Heights, 300 Hillside Ave

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:00pm Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes of the March 10, 2016 were discussed as to whether a quorum existed. The Minutes were voted upon again. Carol deLemos moved to approve and Eilene Kleiman seconded the motion. **MOTION** approved by unanimous vote.

The Minutes from the meeting of April 28, 2016 were reviewed. The Board expressed gratitude to Town Manager, Kate Fitzpatrick and Christopher Coleman, Assistant Town Manager, for meeting with the COA Board. The COA Board expressed a continuing interest in an ongoing discussion and additional dialogue through additional meetings on a regular basis. Penny Grossman moved to approve, Eilene Kleiman seconded the Motion. **MOTION** approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion proceeded to a pilot transportation program that the COA division might participate in. The MetroWest Health Care Foundation has as a priority the need for increased transportation to the Metro West area. To this end they invited the Executive Director to attend a meeting at the end of March to hear about a pilot program that UBER participated in as a partner with an assisted living facility in Gainesville Florida. The Foundation asked which participants attending this meeting might be interested in working with Uber and them if money were to become available. The Executive Director with the support of our Director of the Health Division acknowledged interest. The Council on Aging Executive Director was notified that the COA has been selected to receive a small grant if we chose to pursue this relationship. A discussion followed and the COA Board agreed that the UBER program might potentially be useful for the Town. Jamie Brenner Gutner will continue to investigate the possibilities. Colleen Schaller moved to approve support for follow-up on this potential grant opportunity, Penny Grossman seconded the Motion. **MOTION** approved by unanimous vote.

**CHAIR REPORT:** There was discussion that the COA Board should change the meeting time from 6:00pm to 5:00pm on a regular basis. It was generally agreed that the change should be accepted, however the decision was tabled until those not in attendance could contribute their ideas. Decision was tabled.

**Street Fair:** It was decided that the COA would sponsor a table at the Street Fair on June 4, 2016. Board members will staff the table throughout the day.

Art Display. The Display sponsored by the Needham Art Association was very successful. Two paintings were sold and additional displays will be discussed.

Sunshine Fund. This was a fund established to defray the costs of gifts, remembrances or small tokens of thanks. The money came from voluntary donations from the Board. The COA Board agreed to start this practice beginning in September 2016.

Affiliations: The COA Board discussed other Committees, Boards or organization in the Town that are dealing with issues that are pertinent to the Council on Aging division. It was suggested that members should consider more active involvement. Discussion will continue.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:** The Board again expressed thanks for the extensive and thorough report. A discussion followed regarding the Homecare Aide Council that held a meeting at CATH this spring.

**Eilene Kleiman made a MOTION to adjourn the May 19, 2016 COA Board Meeting. Susanne Hughes seconded the motion. The MOTION carried. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Lianne Relich**